



FIRE DESTROYS BIG PLANING MILL AT LINNTON

Clark and Wilson Lumber Co's Big Loss

STARTED BY HOT BOX

Flames Discovered at 9:30 Yesterday Morning—Heroic Work of Mill Hands

PORTLAND SENDS FIRE BOAT

is Estimated at \$50,000. But is Fully Covered by Insurance—Workmen Prevent Flames From Spreading to Town.

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—Fire totally destroyed the planing mill, the adjoining platform and a large quantity of lumber belonging to the Clark & Wilson Lumber Company, at Linnton, this morning, causing a loss of approximately \$50,000. Only by herculean endeavor was the sawmill of the company saved; had it caught fire there would have been grave danger of every building in the town feeding the flames. The loss is said to be fully covered by insurance.

The flames originated in the engine room of the planing mill, under what is called the resaw, and spread so quickly that in a few minutes the entire building was a seething furnace. The cause is believed to have been a hot box.

It was about 9:30 o'clock that Engineer Henry Morgan opened a small iron door to glance at the machinery underneath, and as he did so a jet of flame shot into his face and singed his hair. He jumped back and running on the door onto the platform yellow at August Olsen, the foreman, that the mill was on fire.

The two men dashed back into the mill, but were met with a cloud of flame and smoke which caused them to beat a retreat. The foreman sprinted to the whistle in the sawmill and sounded the alarm of fire. All this took place so quickly that half a hundred men, working within a radius of 100 feet, received their first warning of danger from the whistle. The entire force of 175 men responded to the summons in a twinkling and the work of fighting the flames began.

A sprinkler system is being installed in the mill and would have been completed and accepted within a week. An agent of the installing company was at the mill and tried to turn on the water. He succeeded in reaching the valve and tugged at the handle, but the heat was so fierce he could not remain long enough to accomplish his object.

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were being played on the flames. The wind was blowing from the southeast, almost in the direction to cause the flames to be communicated to the sawmill; if it had blown from the southwest there would have been little hope of saving this mill and the town itself might have been destroyed.

While about half the force of employees was engaged in the work of fighting the flames the remainder worked like beavers in an attempt to save as much property as possible. It was soon seen that there was no hope of saving the planing mill and the work of the fire-fighters was directed to confining the blaze to that building. While they succeeded in saving the sawmill, however, they were unable to save a large part of the platform and much lumber on trucks in the planing mill and adjacent to it. Two carloads of lumber on the branch railway track near the doomed building were saved by the work-

MISSOULA HAS THIRTY INCHES OF SNOW

DOWNFALL CEASES AFTER A CONTINUOUS DURATION OF OVER 72 HOURS.

GARRISON HAS FUEL FAMINE

Railroad Schedule is Badly Crippled—Company Have Snow Plows and Hundred of Men Clearing Right of Way.

MISSOULA, Mont., Jan. 9.—According to the government gauge a depth of 30 inches had been reached when the snow ceased falling here this morning after a continuous precipitation of more than 73 hours. The thermometer was 14 below zero at 6 o'clock and is steadily falling. Heavy snow is falling in many points and at Lookout, summit of the Bitter Root Mountains, is 12 feet deep. Northern Pacific snow plows are able today to partially clear the line and trains are moving on a slow schedule. Fuel shortage in some places and a call for assistance was received from the garrison, 75 miles east of here. A coal train will be sent from Missoula.

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men moving them along the track by main strength.

In the meantime the Portland Fire Department had been notified by Bookkeeper R. J. Burley, and the fireboat George H. Williams steamed for Linnton at full speed, reaching there in about 40 minutes. A line of hose from the fireboat was added to the six already in operation by the company's employees, who already had the flames practically under control. Shortly after 11 o'clock the fire was out. The planing mill was razed to the ground, the lumber on the trucks completely destroyed and only charred and tottering supports left under blackened and weakened timbers of a good part of the platform.

The difficulty of fight the fire was increased by the dense volumes of smoke covering the space between the planing mill and the sawmill. A number of employees were almost overcome during the struggle with the fire fiend and two or three of them, suffering intensely from inhalation of the smoke, had to be conducted to a place of safety. No serious accidents occurred, to any of the men during the fire, though one mill hand suffered a sprained thumb.

WILL FIGHT MEIGS.

About Fifteen Supporters of J. W. Slayden in Conference.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 9.—With the prospects that L. O. Meigs, of North Yakima, will be elected speaker of the House, about 15 supporters of J. W. Slayden of Pierce county in conference tonight decided to carry the fight still further. They hope to break the alignment of Meigs by exposing alleged endorsements on both sides of the local option issue. Senator A. S. Ruth of Olympia will apparently be chosen president pro tem of the Senate, it being understood W. H. Paulhamus of Pierce county is declining to run. It is understood that Ruth also will be appointed chairman of the appropriations committee, but that he will withdraw from the committee if the lieutenant-governor becomes acting governor which would make the temporary president the permanent presiding officer.

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EACH STATE TO PAY SHARE

Assistant Attorney-General E. C. MacDonald Will Leave For Washington to Secure Re-Hearing of Issue.

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HALE APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Acting Chairman Hale of the Senate committee on appropriations today appointed Senators Gallinger, Hemenway, Clay as sub-committee to consider President Roosevelt's reference to Congress to the portion of his annual message which deals with the secret service.

ROOT GUILTY OF GRAFTING

Bar Association Committee Makes Report

MANY UGLY RUMORS

Claim That Judge Accepted Free Transportation From Great Northern

GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE

Bar Association Will Take Quick Action in Investigating Rumors of Corrupt Practice of Judge Milo A. Root.

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—The State Bar Association committee appointed to investigate Judge Milo A. Root, who resigned as justice of the supreme court two months ago, made report today. Judge Root was elected at the recent election for another term of six years. His resignation affected only the term to which he was elected two years ago. If he fails to qualify Monday, January 11, the office will be declared vacant. Committee finds Judge Root guilty of gross impropriety which unfits him for the supreme court. The report, a lengthy document, makes the following findings of facts, conclusions and recommendations:

That Judge Root had correspondence with M. J. Gordon, attorney for the Great Northern Railway Company, concerning money transaction; that Judge Root accepted from the Great Northern through M. J. Gordon and other railroads, free transportation; that Judge Root filed as the option of the supreme court an almost verbatim draft of an opinion dictated by M. J. Gordon, attorney for the Great Northern, in the case of Harris against the railroad company. The committee is unable to obtain any facts to substantiate the rumor of the giving out of advance information concerning the decision of the supreme court. The committee is unable to obtain any facts to substantiate the rumors of bribery and corruption. The committee holds that the conduct of Judge Root in receiving free transportation is highly censurable. The conduct of Root in the Harris case is characterized as a "Gross breach of judicial and professional propriety."

The committee declares that the action of Root in the Harris case "Shows such a vast appreciation of the duties of a judge of the supreme court as to unfit him for occupying that position."

That the State Bar Association requests the judges of the superior court of Spokane county to call the grand jury for an investigation of the rumors of corruption. Believing that its suggestion will be acted upon the committee feels that it is fairer to withhold any other recommendation. Whether such inquiry are held the supreme court and the Bar Association will have the evidence before them upon which to base any further action or proceeding.

HAVE HARD DAY.

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COSGROVE WILL RETURN.

PASO ROBLES, Jan. 9.—Governor Cosgrove of Washington who has been seriously ill at the Paso Robles Hot Springs ever since his election last Fall will leave for Olympia next Monday to assume the duties of his office.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Horrible Death of Girls Left Alone in Burning House.

DICKENSON, N. D., Jan. 9.—Fire yesterday destroyed the home of Joseph Kohl, a homesteader, 12 miles from here. Three young girls alone in the house were burned to death and a fourth was fatally burned.

LEAVES SALVATION ARMY.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Jan. 4.—George Kibley, commander of all the Salvation Army forces west of the Mississippi river, today resigned from the army. He will conduct a peach orchard here.

HAINS TRIAL WILL BE CONCLUDED MONDAY

CALLING OF ONE OR TWO MORE WITNESSES BEFORE CASE IS ENDED.

DOUBT TIERNEY'S EVIDENCE

Members of Yacht Club Swear They Did Not See Annis on Float at Time of Shoot as Tierney Had Testified.

FLUSHING, Jan. 9.—With calling one or two more witnesses Monday the trial of Thornton Hains will be concluded. McIntyre will require all of Monday in argument for the defense. All today's session was given over to rebuttal of evidence that James Tierney for the defense, an eye witness to the shooting of Annis, was on the float when the tragedy occurred. Members of the yacht club swore they did not see Tierney. The witnesses further declared that the actions and appearance of Captain Hains were those of a rational man.

MAY STOP SOIL SURVEYS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A serious blow was given to the plan for the continuation of soil surveys by agricultural department when the executive committee of the association of the American agricultural colleges and experiment stations appeared today before the house committee on agriculture and testified that the work, as now carried on was of little value to farmers.

EASTERN TRAINS DELAYED BY HEAVY SNOWFALL

SENTENCE LIGHTENED.

Commander Marshal Loses Only 15 Numbers Instead of 40.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Commander Marsh who was charged with negligence in connection with the grounding of the cruiser Yankee on September 23, 1908, on the Massachusetts coast, and was found guilty by courtmartial which sentenced him to public reprimand, the navy department changed the sentence to the loss of 15 numbers instead of 40 on account of his previous good record.

AFTER THE RAILWAY.

Million Dollar Suit Brought By St. Louis Against Trolley Co.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—A suit of nearly one million dollars was filed against the local street car companies in behalf of the city today. The claim is based on the non-payment of a tax of one mill a passenger.

HITCHCOCK MAY GIVE UP CHAIRMANSHIP

PREDICTED THAT HE WILL RETIRE FROM REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE SOON.

DECLINES TO DISCUSS PLANS

Chairman is Expected to Resign Shortly After he Has Assumed Cabinet Duties—Is Now in Augusta.

AUGUSTA, Jan. 9.—It is predicted that Hitchcock will retire as chairman of the Republican committee at some convenient time to be determined upon after he has assumed cabinet duties. In this event he will designate a vice-chairman who will hold the commission until the committee's meeting in December, preceding the next national election, when the election of a chairman will be made. Hitchcock, who is here declined to discuss any plans as may have in this connection.

RECORD OF PEDIGREES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Official registration of pedigrees in order that persons who have traced the branches of their family trees may have the records published in book form, is to be provided by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. By this compilation it is hoped to present a standard authority on American pedigrees. Details of the plan were discussed at the annual meeting of the society last night.

TACOMA IS DARK.

TACOMA, Jan. 9.—The crown sheet of the receiving tank at the gas works blew off tonight, cutting off the supply of gas in the city, compelling the use of candles and oil. No one was injured.

SUES FOR LARGE SUM OF MONEY

Although Plaintiff Says Promise Was Not Kept He is Still Ready to Marry

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—A breach of promise suit in which Dr. Kirk E. Stanley of New York seeks to secure \$150,000 from Mrs. Jeannette Dere Chapman, one of the heirs to one of the millions of the late John Dere of Moline, Ill., came to light today in the office of the clerk of the superior court. The bill was filed last October but suppressed until service could be had on Mrs. Chapman. Not until last Monday were the process servers

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NAVIGATION IS DIFFICULT

Columbia River Frozen in Many Places Above Vancouver a Distance of Several Hundred Feet From Either Shore.

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—Whether Forecaster Beals can see no immediate prospect amelioration unusual weather conditions which have prevailed in the Pacific Northwest since last Tuesday. Very low temperatures prevailed all day throughout the inland empire and in Puget Sound country, although the mercury advanced a few points in many places, zero weather prevailed in several localities. Today for the first time since the storm trains are handled with pronounced difficulty and trains 3 and 4 on the O. R. & N., known as the "Spokane Flyer", were cancelled, owing to the deep snow, especially between Troutdale and The Dalles where the drifts are very deep. Snow plows are out and hundreds of men are at work endeavoring to keep the right of way clear, but not with great success. The Northern Pacific is also greatly handicapped and the train which, should arrive at Portland tonight from the East has not been reported and may not arrive until late tomorrow. Serious snowslides, especially in Montana are said to be responsible for the tie-up of trains. Danger of floods in Oregon are passed for the time, owing to the increased area of the cold belt and the ceasing of rains in the upper Willamette river region. The Columbia river is frozen in many places above Vancouver, a distance of several hundred feet from either shore and floating ice has gathered in great hummocks on the sand bars. Navigation is more or less difficult.

BOILING BEER KILLS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—While attempting to mend a valve in a Brooklyn brewery, Frank Casper, an employ was fatally burned by a torrent of boiling beer. When the valve gave way the steaming beverage struck him in the chest and he was found lying in the hot liquid unconscious by fellow workmen. At the hospital to which he was rushed, it was said early today, the injured man had little chance of recovery.

FULTON FORCES TO BE IN CONTROL

Of the Next Oregon Legislature That Meets in Salem Monday Hard Fight Expected

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—It is practically certain tonight that the Fulton forces will be in control of the next Oregon legislature that convenes in Salem Monday. Jay Bowerman is almost certain to be president of the Senate and C. N. McArthur speaker. By this move the anti-statement men, although in minority, will be in con-

rol, and a hard fight to defeat Governor George E. Chamberlain for United States Senator, the people's choice in the last election, on State-ment No. 1, will be made. There are 51 statement No. 1 men in the legislature, a majority sufficient to elect Chamberlain, a Democrat, if all the "Statement Men" abide by their pledge to support the people's choice.